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## UPCOMING SERVICES

We gather together at 240 Powers St. Sunday evenings at 6:30. All are welcome!

**October 4** – Give us this day our daily bread

**October 11**— Communion with Pastor Reyenga from TCRC

**October 18**— NO SERVICE  
Camp Arnes Fall Retreat  
October 16-18

**October 25** Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

**November 1**—Combined service at CCRC

## Ministry is Messy!

"God plops people with disabilities in the midst of a congregation—a hand grenade that blows apart the picture-perfectness of the church. . . The 'uncomely' parts are critical to the life of the body. . . We want the church to see some of these disenfranchised folks as the 'indispensable' part of the body."

~Joni Eareckson Tada

*Hope Centre Ministries exists to celebrate the gifts and uniqueness of individuals who live with disabilities and support them in their walk with God and their faith community.*



## Give Thanks!

Saying thank you is very important. No one likes to be taken for granted. All of us like to be appreciated, and thanked, and all of us, I believe, like to see those we love live thankful lives.

That is why we work so hard to teach the importance of saying "Thank You". It is an important statement to learn to say. This month is a good time to examine how complete our thankfulness is. *"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is*

*the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." 1 Thess. 5:18*

*"Give thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."*

*Ephesians 5: 20*

**Give thanks in all circumstances.**

**Give thanks for everything.**

**Give thanks at all times.**

If we are honest can we say we have a faith that is thankful in everything? God wants us to celebrate his love by being thankful ~not because he is greedy for praise, but because it will bless us and because

it will bless the world he has made.

He wants us to remember what He has done and give thanks to him, and to those around us so that our lives will be full of light and hope and our actions full of tenderness and love. Praise be unto God and thanksgiving for his many blessings.

## **Happy Thanksgiving!**

From all of your brothers and sisters at Hope Centre Ministries.

## The Things I'm Thankful For

by Lynn Marlow

**Time with friends whom I see each day**

**Helping people along their way**

**Angels to guide me each day**

**Nights, peaceful and calm**

**Kisses, so soft and warm**

**Finding new friends where ever I go**

**Understanding what God wants me to know**

**Loving and learning as I grow.**

*Lynn Marlow is a member of Hope Centre Ministries. She lives at Deer Lodge Centre and enjoys writing and spending time with others. Lynn is part of a fellowship group that meets twice a month at the centre.*

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**WALK OF HOPE**

Held in June, this event raised over \$5000.00 for HCM to be used for our annual retreats held at Camp Arnes.

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**FRIENDSHIP**

We have had a large group register and look forward to a year of learning how God has given us all gifts and how we can use them to serve him.

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**Volunteers Needed**

There are a number of ways that you could help HCM both behind the scenes and in hands on ways. Would you like to become involved in this ministry? Please contact Shellie Power to find out more information.

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**Prayer Partners**

Prayer is key—please consider signing up to pray for us in a regular and intentional way!

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**Calvin Christian School**

Please visit us at the upcoming Craft Sale to see what some small groups at HCM are doing to become active in the area of fundraising.

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**Our Steering Committee**

Eta Meinders  
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Ray Anema  
Val Wagner  
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Lynell Bergen  
Shellie Power

# SERVE 2009

by Shellie Power

Youth Groups from both CCRC and TCRC had the opportunity to participate in a SERVE project; one group in South Dakota and another in Alberta. Both groups are meeting in the next few weeks to discuss possibilities for next year.

These weeks are designed to challenge our youth through service opportunities and worship—to encourage them to embrace the call that Christ gives all of us, to find a way to be God's hands in this world. SERVE makes a splash and only God knows the extent of the ripples.

I also had the opportunity to participate in SERVE this past summer. For the last couple of years I have served on the Leadership Team for a Special Needs SERVE site in Ottawa Ontario. I also carry the role of main speaker for the worship times and work to adapt the material provided by Youth Unlimited. This year we welcomed 15 participants and 20 mentors to SERVE. We were very intentional about providing a SERVE experience that meets all the traditional SERVE goals. We worked hard to make sure that the Theme: *Living Inside Out* came through strongly in our worship and planning.

I feel confident in sharing that absolutely everyone who was involved in SERVE

left that site changed—and in so many ways. Only God can do that—these are HIS ripples. We welcomed people from the surrounding supporting churches to worship with us and each night heard stories of how God used that time to touch them and challenge their thinking on disabilities and worship. Our mentors came from all different churches and spent a week serving in a very humble role. Watching these youth struggle and grow through their time felt like a holy moment. Barriers came down as the realization that God uses all of his children in all kinds of ways became a normal, 'working', reality. I am excited for the ripple that these mentors can now take to their churches. Our participants also came from many different churches and throughout the week taught us so much about what it means to love and serve God with your whole heart. As we talked about making ourselves a living sacrifice, I was amazed at how the participants on so many levels were there as examples for the rest of us.

Why are there not more SERVE sites like this? Why is it so hard to make these kinds of splashes in our churches? This year HCM is becoming actively involved with answering these questions within our denomination. As I think

about our participants and their desire to experience the joy and growth that happens when we give ourselves to SERVE Christ I am aware that they do not have the opportunity to choose and vote on a site to go to SERVE next year. There is only one such site

We need to provide choice and in order to provide choice we need more sites.

One parent shared the following, which for me makes all the hard work worthwhile:

***" . . . Being a parent of a serve participant, we so much appreciate all the very many people who make this mission trip happen. Whenever a missionary comes to speak at our church, or a mission group goes off to do what the Lord needs them to do, our adult child turns to us and says, "my Ottawa too?". For a person with disabilities to go on a mission trip and be able to minister to others is such a wonderful thing. As a parent, it makes me cry with thankfulness and joy. I too, hope that there will be more SERVE opportunities across this beautiful country of ours."***

SERVE 2010—Ottawa has said yes to the splash!

SERVE 2011—TBA—maybe even splashes!

Would you like to learn more? Would you like to become involved in making this splash happen in more/different locations?

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***"It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to his name"***

Psalm 92:1